

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Thursday, July 21, 2005**

**MICHAEL S. PINTO CONFERENCE ROOM**

**5:30 p.m. – Regular School Committee Meeting**

**Members Present: Michael F. Crowley, Jr., Chairman**

**Liana F. Fenton, Vice-Chair**

**William Coogan**

**Edward K. Draper**

**Theresa M. Spengler**

**Also Present: Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools**

**Joseph R. Krupowicz, Assistant Superintendent**

**Catherine M. McLeish, Business Manager**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Administrative staff members present were Steven Ruscito and Janet Sheehan.**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) William Coogan. To go into Executive Session 42-46-5 (a) 1, 2,5,8,9 at 5:31 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**The meeting returned to open session at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Crowley**

**announced that no vote was taken. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

## **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

### **“High School Scheduling”**

**Mr. Steven Ruscito, Middletown High School Principal, gave an overview of how the high school schedule is developed. The Program of Studies is created in November. In December, grades 9-11 schedule requests are made by student. The 8th grade schedule is developed in February. In March, the sections are set by High School Administrators and are given to Department Heads for review. In April the scheduler is run. The schedules are adjusted during May and June and issued to grade 8-11 students in June. A final review is done in August and schedules are mailed.**

**State mandated instructional time is 330 minutes. Study hall periods have been eliminated. There are now seven teaching periods per day. Decisions that affected scheduling were layoffs, minimum class size, AP classes that need to be spread out throughout the day, hiring of a special education teacher and new courses added.**

## **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

**No Proclamations/Awards for July 21, 2005.**

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No Student Activities for July 21, 2005.**

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## **INFORMATION**

- **Open Government Summit on August 5th.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Memo from Barbara Nash, Town Clerk, regarding appointing a member of the School Committee to the Open Space and Fields Committee.**

**MOTION: 1) Edward Draper, 2) Theresa Spengler. That the School Committee receive the communication. Unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Coogan will be a member of this committee until the new facilities director is appointed.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

• **CURRICULUM** – Many teachers attended the RITTI training. The Consolidated Resource Grant was submitted. To date, there have been 25 class changes submitted. The COZ grant for 40K was received for the 05-06 school year. Interviewing committees have been working to secure the teachers and staff for vacant positions.

• **FINANCIAL** – The end of year closing in June was very successful. Mrs. Kraeger thanked Cathy McLeish and the Business Office for their hard work. The teacher salary scale will be set on August 10th. Four teachers at Middletown High School have been recalled. Enrollment is slow, but steady. Twenty-eight new students were enrolled the week of July 11th and 23 students were enrolled this week. The Transfer Day should take place the week of August 22nd.

• **FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT** – Mrs. Kraeger introduced Mr. Richard Quinn, Chairman of the Facilities Advisory Committee. Mr. Quinn said the completion of the report was a significant effort on the part of the committee members, who are all volunteers. The School Committee now needs to take the next step which is to focus on what will be done with educational programming for the future. This will become the basis on what kind of improvements will be made throughout the building. School Committee members thanked Mr. Quinn for chairing this committee. The School Committee needs to see what the town is doing with the Anchorage Housing and Kennedy School. Mrs. Kraeger suggested that Mr. Quinn and a committee member go before the Town Council

**to present the report and request their support.**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) William Coogan. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.**

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- Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2005 School Committee Meeting**
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated June 14, 2005, in the amount of \$743,603.19**
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated June 20, 2005, in the amount of \$581.61**
- Approval of Invoice Register, dated June 30, 2005, in the amount of \$821,881.69**
- Approval of Special Grants Register, dated June 20, 2005, in the amount of \$24,319.36**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Lisa Dion High School Literacy Coach**

**Judith Moore Career Pathways Coordinator (One Year Only)**

**David Leys .8 Business Teacher, Middletown High School**

**Justin Buffman Math Teacher, J.H. Gaudet Middle School**

**Arthur J. Sherman Health & Physical Education, Middletown High School**

**Dr. Martha Ullman School Department Physician**

**P. Hakan Durudogan School Department Dentist**

**Maureen Cicchitelli Interim Principal, Aquidneck School (One Year Only)**

**Annie G. Kammerer English Teacher, Middletown High School**

**Jean A. Bomeisl English Teacher, Middletown High School**

**Diane Kerins .4 Art Teacher, Middletown High School**

**JOB SHARE FOR 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR FROM .6 TO .5**

**Kimberly A. Ceglarski Kindergarten Teacher, Forest Avenue School**

**JOB SHARE FOR 2005-2006**

**Camille Moy Kindergarten, Forest Avenue School**

**Maureen Sullivan Kindergarten, Forest Avenue School**

**LESS THAN FULL-TIME**

**Renee Bissell Full-Time Art, Middletown High School to .6 Art, MHS**

**MATERNITY LEAVE - ARTICLE XIV, C, OPTION #1 (NEA/Middletown)**

**Alison Belcher Grade One, J.F. Kennedy School**

**From August 31, 2005 to December 1, 2005.**

**Jeannine Magliocco Grade Four, Aquidneck School**

**Beginning October 24, 2005 for 46 days**

**FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT**

**Christopher J. Richards English Teacher, Middletown High School**

**From October 3, 2005 to November 23, 2005**

**EXTENSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Danielle Spies English Language Arts, J.H. Gaudet School**

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**TRANSFER**

**Tara Mellow Middle School Literacy Coach to**

**Elementary Literacy Coach**

**DeDe Forgue 12-month Clerk, Middletown High School to**

**10-Month Clerk, Forest Avenue School**

**Karen Sheely 10-Month Clerk, J.F. Kennedy School to**

**12-Month Clerk, Middletown High School**

**Mrs. Kraeger commented on Mrs. Maureen Cicchitelli, Interim Principal for Aquidneck School, resume. Mrs. Cicchitelli retired from the Cranston School System this June. She will job share with Mrs. Fonseca.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- TOWN/SCHOOL/LIBRARY IT – Mrs. Linda Savastano attended a meeting with Mr. Draper and others regarding town-wide technology concerns. Mr. Draper said the missions of the three organizations are very different, each with different issues.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mr. Draper requested a safety subcommittee be formed that will primarily focused on Middletown High School, but also to incorporate D.A.R.E. and the Gaudet community to address drinking, drugs and driving and ways to reduce tragedies. Mrs. Kraeger suggested that the safety advisory committee include law enforcement, students, teachers and community agencies. We will advertise for members and expect report by January. Mrs. Kraeger is working with East Bay to organize student councils to discuss safety**



issues.

- **SCHOOL COMMITTEE RETREAT** – Mr. Crowley said a retreat would be an opportunity to discuss goals and issues. This retreat would be an advertised, open meeting and would need a facilitator.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **JUNIOR POST PROM**

**MOTION:** 1) Liana Fenton, 2) William. That the School Committee allocate \$100 to help offset the cost of the Junior Class Post Prom Party at the Newport County YMCA. Unanimous vote.

### **POLICY ADOPTION – SECTION I (1ST READING)**

**MOTION:** 1) William Coogan, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee adopt Section I of the policy book, “Vision, Mission, Beliefs, Parameters, Legal Structures and System of Governance”, as a first reading. Unanimous vote.

### **POLICY ADOPTION – STUDENT ATTENDANCE FACILITATOR (2ND READING)**

**MOTION:** 1) Edward Draper, 2) William Coogan That the School Committee approve the Student Attendance Facilitator Policy (2nd Reading.) Unanimous vote.

**POLICY ADOPTION – DISCIPLINARY LITERACY (1ST READING)**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Disciplinary Literacy Policy (1st Reading). Unanimous vote.**

**BID AWARD**

**MOTION: 1) William Coogan, 2) Edward Draper. That the School Committee approve the bid award for construction of the High School Greenhouse to Advanced Building Concepts Unanimous vote.**

**FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Edward Draper. That the School Committee approve the Facilities Advisory Committee Report and send a copy to the Town Council and request to be put on their docket. Unanimous vote.**

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**No Report of Officers and Committees for July 21, 2005.**

**ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the**

**School Committee Meeting at 7:49 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**